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Iran-Iraq War

Iraq has taken a "major step" in expelling Iranian forces from their foothold in Shatt al-Arab sector, the Iraqi command announced in a military communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio. Iraqi troops broke through enemy positions in an offensive early 13 March, allowing the Iraqi southern and central columns to link up, the communique said. On the other hand, Tehran radio claimed that Iranian troops crushed the Iraqi offensive in the Al-Faw area, destroying two Iraqi battalions and killing hundreds of enemy troops.

In earlier action, the Iraqi Air Force attacked the Ganaveh oil terminal and two Iranian military camps, according to a 12 March Iraqi communique carried by Voice of the Masses. Tehran radio and IRNA said that Iraqi planes raided towns in Western Azarbaijan.

Lebanon, French Hostages

A French captain in the UN observer force in Beirut was shot and killed by a sniper 12 March, the French Embassy announced in a statement cited by AFP. As for the French hostages, French envoy Razzah Ra'd told Beirut's AL-NAHAR that he is "optimistic" about securing their release, noting that he managed to calm down the kidnappers in his talks with them and that he is working out an agreement, according to AFP. Ra'd met with persons who are believed to represent the Islamic Jihad 12 March and he also held talks with Shaykh Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, according to Voice of Lebanon radio.

In the afternoon of 12 March, a Paris radio correspondent in Beirut reported that release of the French Antenne 2 news crew was "imminent" after Ra'd held "lengthy negotiations in the Al-Biq'a Valley with the kidnappers." He added that release of the hostages was "no doubt a consequence of the pardon granted yesterday by Iraqi President Saddam Husayn to the two Iraqis expelled from France on 19 February.

In a related development, an Iraqi source cited by AFP disclosed that Iraqi President Saddam Husayn pardoned the two Iraqi dissidents after a request from French President Francois Mitterrand, noting that they will be allowed to return to France if they wish. The pardon satisfies one demand made by the kidnappers in Lebanon, AFP pointed out.

Israel

Herut Crisis — The Herut Party convention closed in "complete disarray" with the party "split down the middle" after supporters of David Levi and Ari'el Sharon gained control of the convention Presidium, Jerusalem radio reported. The Levi-Sharon camp has the upper hand over the party "old guard" led by Yitzhaq Shamir

and Moshe Arens, the radio said, noting that during the hours of verbal wrangling it sometimes appeared that Shamir was fighting for his political future. The Levi-Sharon coalition had earlier proved its strength by Sharon's election as chairman of the party Mandates Committee, which has powers to coopt new convention delegates. Sharon obtained a relatively large majority over Binyamin-Ze'ev Begin, son of former prime minister Menahem Begin, the radio noted.

Relations With Egypt — At the end of the 12 March Tabah talks in Herzliyya, Foreign Ministry director general David Kimche spoke of "progress" in preparing the "arbitral compromis," though he said the delegations will have to refer several points to the political echelon, Jerusalem radio reported.

Jordan and the PLO

Arab diplomatic sources cited by the UAE's *AL-ITTIHAD* stated that Morocco has succeeded in containing the crisis between Jordan and the PLO, asserting that the Jordanians have assured a Moroccan envoy that Jordan will resume its dialogue with the PLO, WAKH reported. Nevertheless, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf accused "those who are trying to railroad us into accepting Resolution 242" of "trying to assassinate us politically." Khalaf, who was speaking in an interview with the London paper *AL-MAJALLAH*, also called for a revision of the PLO's declared policy of not mounting "external operations," as announced in a 1974 PNC resolution and in the 1985 Cairo Declaration. He declared that the PLO has recommenced "clandestine operations," warning that the organization will not hesitate to take action against those who are fighting it and indicating that such action may involve the "execution of spies and traitors."

Sudan-Libya

The Sudanese prime minister, defense minister, and foreign minister arrived in Libya 12 March, Tripoli radio reported, adding that the visit falls within the framework of relations of "fraternal cooperation."

DRA-Pakistan

The DRA Foreign Ministry summoned the Pakistani charge d'affaires in Kabul to lodge another protest about Pakistani "aggression" against DRA territory, Kabul radio reported. The latest DRA protest holds Pakistan responsible for cross-border shelling that killed or wounded 65 people in Paktia Province between 4 and 10 March, according to the radio.

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Karmal, Dost Receive UN Special Envoy Cordovez

*LD121722 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1530 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] At 1100 today Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, received Diego Cordovez, assistant and envoy of the UN secretary general, who has arrived in Kabul to discuss with the DRA authorities the continuation of his mission to find a political solution for the situation around Afghanistan. Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost also took part in the meeting, which was held at the Revolutionary Council headquarters.

According to another report, Shah Mohammad Dost, following his meetings of the last 2 days, today met with the UN secretary general's envoy at 1500 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for talks.

Government Delivers Protest to Pakistani Envoy

*LD121726 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1400 today, Wednesday 12 March, and the director of the First Political Department conveyed to him the following points:

The relevant authorities of DRA report that, notwithstanding the persistent objections and protests of the DRA, the Pakistani authorities are continuing their intervention and aggression against DRA territory and direct support for the Afghan rebels and bandits. Some 1,500 ground-to-ground missiles and other rounds from heavy weapons belonging to the rebels have been fired at the residential areas of Chamkani District, Paktia Province between 4 and 10 March, from the Sangak, Solaymani, Chawki, and Mata Sangar regions. As a result of the shooting 13 people, including women and children, were martyred and 52 people were severely wounded. In addition 20 homes, 40 km of the water supply system, 280 tons of foodstuff, and a large number of fruit and other trees were destroyed.

The DRA Government lodges a strong protest against these provocative and irresponsible aggressions by the Pakistani forces launched against DRA territory and which have resulted in great loss of life and material by our compatriots, and once again demands that the responsible authorities of Pakistan put an end as soon as possible to such hostile acts which only further aggravate the situation on the borders. It is obvious that the responsibility for all these aggressions will rest with the Pakistani authorities.

PDPA Sends Message to Korean Workers Party

*LD122348 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1530 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] In a message addressed to the Korean Workers Party [KWP] Central Committee, the PDPA Central Committee has expressed support for the struggles of the people of the DPRK against the aggression and intervention of U.S. imperialism in

the internal affairs of that country. The text of the message is as follows:

March, 1986. Dear comrades: The PDPA Central Committee, on behalf of all members of the party and the toiling and revolutionary people of the DRA, expresses the most militant greetings and resolute solidarity to you, dear comrades, and to the courageous Korean people.

The PDPA and the DRA people follow with interest the developments of the Korean peninsula. We greatly admire the rightful struggles of the people of Korea under the leadership of the KWP against the intrigues and conspiracies of imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism and its regional agents. We fully and categorically support the realistic and courageous proposals of the DPRK.

We strongly condemn the provocative military maneuvers of the war-mongering imperialist forces, with the participation of the Armed Forces of the United States and the servant regime in Seoul, in the Far East, and on the fringes of the Korean peninsula and their shameless intervention and aggression in the affairs of independent countries. This constitutes a serious threat to the independence and security of the countries in the region, in particular the DPRK.

After the victory of the national democratic April Revolution, in particular its new development stage, our country too has been subject to the shameless and vindictive aggression and provocation of imperialist forces and their collaborators. The sharp point of this aggression and provocation is directed against the national independence, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the DRA and is aimed at blocking the measures that the PDPA and the revolutionary power of the DRA are adopting for the prosperity and well-being of the toiling people of Afghanistan.

The common aims in the struggle against imperialism and its collaborators and struggle for peace and progress, bind the people of the DRA and the DPRK together.

Dear comrades, allow us to again express the solidarity of all members of the PDPA and the free born people of Afghanistan with your struggles and state our complete support for the realistic proposals of the DPRK toward the peaceful solution of the situations.

We wish you further success in struggle against reaction and imperialism. With comradely regards.

[Signed] The PDPA.

Commentary Views Visit to Britain by Abdol Haq

*LD121827 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1530 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] The visit to Britain by Abdol Haq, one of the ringleaders of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries was organized with much official protocol. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain

met with the bandit who was the guest of the British Foreign Office.

Although the details of this meeting have not been revealed, according to reports by the London press, increasing British assistance to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries was discussed at the meeting.

THE DAILY EXPRESS writes that the British Conservative Government intends, under the pretext of humanitarian assistance, to increase this help. The British Conservative Government is not ashamed of the fact that it expresses its so-called humanism with those murderers who are responsible for the murder of hundreds of innocent Afghans. The 5,000 counterrevolutionaries under the command of Abdol Haq have committed many crimes against the peaceful people of Afghanistan.

The *GUARDIAN* daily writes that in particular Abdol Haq and his band were responsible for organizing the explosion which took place at Kabul International Airport in the summer of 1984, as a result of which dozens of people were killed.

Abdol Haq's meeting with Margaret Thatcher was the high point of his consultations with British Cabinet members. He also met with Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Minister of State in the British Foreign Office Lady Young. According to a

statement by the British Foreign Office, London has expressed full support for the Afghan counterrevolutionaries. It is also noted that the British Government regards it as quite acceptable to establish official contacts with representatives of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries.

In a recent television interview, Margaret Thatcher confessed that in 1985 alone Britain gave 4 million pound sterling to the so-called Afghan refugees in Pakistan. It is exactly this money which is used by Abdol Haq and his kind for unleashing terror and intimidation — acts which are completely condemned in words by the Conservative Cabinet of Britain.

Thatcher's decision to invite the Afghan counterrevolutionary to Britain has been condemned by the opposition political personalities of that country. A *PRESS ASSOCIATION* report states that a group of MP's from the British Labor Party handed a note to Parliament in which deep concern was expressed that a counterrevolutionary who is responsible for the murder of civilian people has been the guest of the Foreign Office and the Prime Minister of Britain.

The DRA Government has officially protested to the British Foreign Office because of the visit of Abdol Haq to London.

Gandhi Interviewed on Tamils, Pakistan, Punjab

*BK120325 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] The prime minister has suggested that the Sri Lankan Government should talk to Tamils directly and come out strongly in favor of a political solution to the ethnic problem. In an interview to a Calcutta daily, *THE TELEGRAPH*, Mr Rajiv Gandhi expressed his unhappiness over the inadequate Sri Lankan response to peace initiatives. He said the moves that the Sri Lankan Government had been making were coming too late and too small.

Mr Gandhi replied to a wide range of questions on national and international issues. Asked whether he would be making a scheduled visit to Pakistan this year, he said it looks very difficult now because of slow progress in the efforts toward normalization of relations between the two countries.

The prime minister made it clear that it is not his government's intention to encroach upon the Islamic system. He said the bill on Muslim personal law, now before Parliament, is part of a reassurance to the community on the issue. He did not agree that he had succumbed to pressure while introducing the bill and felt that the law sought to be enacted will give women much more rights. In reply to a question on the opposition's role in the whole controversy, Mr Gandhi regretted that it was not positive. The issue was unfortunately projected in a totally different color, he said.

Referring to Punjab, the prime minister said that the center has got certain ideas to resolve the territorial dispute between Punjab and Haryana.

Asked what made his party withdraw its support to the G.M. Shah ministry in Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Gandhi said the handling of the riots and the government action which we thought was not all right.

The prime minister said that the Finance Minister is working on a composite of package in the case of excise duty to enable the manufacturers to come out clean as has been done in the case of income tax.

Bhagat Voices Concern at UK Attitude to Extremists

*BK120748 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0730 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] India has expressed its surprise and concern at the attitude of the British authorities in dealing with anti-Indian extremists in their country. The external affairs minister, Mr B.R. Bhagat, told the Lok Sabha today that government is not pleased with the action taken so far by the British authorities. It has repeatedly taken up with the UK Government the question of taking effective action against extremists in that country. Our views have been conveyed strongly to the British Government.

In another (?written) reply Mr Bhagat said India has requested the Canadian Government for information about the persons who have been trained in the (Roy Mayo) school. Our concern has

been conveyed to the Canadian Government at the possibility of these persons indulging in terrorist activities directed against India. The response of the Canadian authorities is awaited.

Home Minister Appointed Maharashtra Chief Minister

*BK120517 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] The union home minister, Mr S.B. Chavan, will be the new chief minister of Maharashtra. He succeeds Mr Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar who resigned as chief minister last Friday. Mr Chavan was unanimously elected leader of the Maharashtra Congress-I legislature party at its meeting in Bombay early this morning. His name was proposed by Mr Nilangekar and seconded by the state finance minister, Mr Sushil Kumar Shinde, and the labor minister, Mr Thidke.

The AICC-I [All India Congress Committee-Indira] general secretary, Mr Navalkishore Sharma presided over the meeting which was scheduled at 2100 yesterday, but finally held at 0130 this morning. Two union ministers, Mr Buta Singh and Mr Shiv Shankar, were present as observers deputed by the party high command.

Later, talking to newsmen, Mr Navalkishore Sharma said that the name of Mr Chavan was chosen after day-long deliberations with all state Congress-I legislators and a consensus was reached over the name. He said Mr Chavan, who returned to New Delhi early this morning from Lisbon, has been informed about the party's decision and he has consented. Mr Chavan is expected to reach Bombay later today.

Pakistan Troops Wound 2 Civilians in Jammu, Kashmir

NC091603 Paris AFP in English 1546 GMT 9 Mar 86

[Text] New Delhi, March 9 (AFP) — Pakistani troops seriously wounded two Indian civilians when they opened fire in the northern Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA news agency reported on Sunday.

The agency quoted official reports as saying the shooting had taken place on Friday in the village of Bagyalidara near the border between Indian and Pakistan.

Six Indian civilians have reportedly been wounded by gunfire from Pakistan since last August.

5 Pakistani 'Intruders' Killed in Punjab Sectors

*BK130323 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 13 Mar 86*

[Text] Five Pakistani intruders were killed in encounters with the Border Security Force [BSF] in the Khemkaran and Amritsar sectors on Tuesday night. An official release in New Delhi says one person was killed in Khemkaran and another in Amritsar sector. Three more were killed in other encounters in BSF border outposts.

Border Patrols 'Intensified'

HK121518 Hong Kong AFP in English 1508 GMT 12 Mar 86

[Text] New Delhi, March 12 (AFP) — Indian guards along the Pakistan border have killed seven intruders in several incidents in the past three days, the para-military Border Security Force (BSF) and PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) said.

Authorities have ordered intensified patrolling along the international boundary.

The BSF announcement did not identify the border crossers other than as "intruders," but recent official reports have cited increased activity among alleged Pakistani border smugglers and Indian officials say Sikh militants are training in Pakistan and returning to the Sikh-dominated Punjab state for secessionist activities.

The incidents occurred along the Punjab sector, the BSF said.

It said one person trying to come in near Roranwala in the Amritsar area fired when challenged by the BSF Tuesday and was killed when the fire was returned.

One was killed in an armed encounter with the BSF in Khemkaran area, and three died in two similar incidents at BSF outposts elsewhere in the Khemkaran area.

Earlier, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported the death of two Pakistani nationals elsewhere on the Punjab border Monday and Tuesday.

Congress-I Leader Shot Dead in Punjab

*BK130307 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 13 Mar 86*

[Text] In Punjab, a Congress-I leader, Mr Tarsem Prakash Verma, was shot dead by some unidentified gunmen in Jullundur last night. Mr Verma was returning home from his office when he was attacked.

The chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, yesterday reviewed the latest law and order situation in the state at a high-level meeting in Chandigarh. Fresh guidelines recently evolved to deal with the situation were discussed at the meeting. According to an official spokesman, the chief minister, while expressing concern at the situation, instructed the officers dealing with law and order to effectively tackle the situation to restore confidence among the people. He said for doing so the police will not face any constraint of resources.

Meanwhile, the new inspector general of police for crime and operations has taken charge.

Ziaul Haq on Relations With India, Siachen Issue

*BK121525 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] Talking to newsmen in Islamabad today, the president said the peace initiative launched by Pakistan 5 years ago to normalize relations with India will continue. He said there has been no change in the situation regarding Siachen glacier and Pakistan wants to solve this issue peacefully through a dialogue. Recently, an Indian delegation had come to Pakistan for talks on this issue, and a Pakistan delegation will go to India next month to continue these talks.

India's Prime Minister Gandhi Discusses Relations

GF121148 Lahore JANG in Urdu 9 Mar 86 p 1, 8

[Report by Maqbul Dehlavi]

[Text] New Delhi — The prime minister of India said that the stiff attitude India has taken against Pakistan has had no result so far, except that hostility and the distance between the two neighboring countries has grown. This is in the interest of neither India nor Pakistan. We are spending billions of rupees on our defense simply because of the differences and the hostility between the two countries. In an interview with an Indian paper he said: How long we are going to follow this path? If we are going to continue on this path then the result will be that we will expend all our valuable resources and reserves. We must adopt other means.

Responding to a question on the Pakistani attitude he said: We have received positive answers from Pakistan. There has been some flexibility in Pakistan on the question of the terrorists. Pakistan has now started taking a stiff attitude against them. In trade matters as well, Pakistan's attitude is better but we will have to analyse it further.

National Assembly Debates on Afghanistan, Siachen

*BK120453 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Excerpts] The National Assembly dealt with nongovernment business last night. As the house was continuing debate on imposing a total ban on the hunting of the spotted dove, the session was adjourned until Friday morning.

The National Assembly disposed of several adjournment motions. Speaking on identical adjournment motions sought by Sahabzada Mohammad Ahmed from Bahawalnagar, Shah Tarawul Haq, Allama Abdul Mustafa Alazari, and Mohammad Usman Khan Noori from Karachi, Cabinet parliamentary secretary Rana Nayim Mahmud said the allegations of training

camps in Pakistani territory had been time and again refuted. He said the statement of the representative of the Karmal administration is to divert world attention from the real program and is part of the propaganda policy aimed at blocking progress toward a political settlement of the problem. It is dragging its feet on the basic issue of a timetable for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan. The movers did not press on their motions.

Speaking on another adjournment motion sought by Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar from Gujrat, Rana Nayim Mahmud said that the government has time and again made it clear on various occasions and on a high-level basis that Pakistan is not a conduit for the supply of arms to Afghan mujahidin; nor does it permit anybody to use its territory for interference in a third country. After this clarification, the mover did not press his motion.

Main Mohammad Zaman did not press his adjournment motion on the recent statement of the Indian external affairs minister on the resolution between India and Pakistan not to attack each others' nuclear installations. Speaking on the motion, the Cabinet parliamentary secretary said the foreign minister made detailed statements on this issue in the senate and National Assembly on the 5th and 6th of this month.

Speaking on identical adjournment motions sought by Begum Isharat Ashraf from Punjab, Rai Ahmed Nawaz Khan, Malik Abdul Rauf, Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar and Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, the Cabinet parliament secretary reiterated that Siachen Glacier is a part of Pakistan. He said the defense secretaries of Pakistan and India discussed this issue in January and the next round of these talks will be held at the end of this month or in April. With the exception of Sheikh Rashid Ahmed from Rawalpindi, the movers did not press on their motions. The speaker rejected the adjournment motion of Sheikh Rashid Ahmed as out of order. This National Assembly member from Rawalpindi staged a walk out.

UN Envoy Returns to Islamabad From Kabul 13 Mar

*BK130821 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu
0800 GMT 13 Mar 86*

[Text] The UN secretary general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Diego Cordovez, returned to Islamabad from Kabul this morning after having talks with the Kabul administration on the Afghanistan issue. He had gone to Kabul on Monday after four rounds of discussions with Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. Cordovez began his mediation mission from Islamabad on Friday. He was received at the Islamabad airport by Foreign Secretary Niaz A. Naik and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

SRI LANKA

PRC President Li Xiannian Visits Colombo

Welcomed by President

*BK111105 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 11 Mar 86*

[Text] The Chinese president, Li Xiannian, and Madam Lin Jiamai arrived in Colombo this afternoon opening a new chapter in relations between China and Sri Lanka. The Chinese president and his party were accorded a ceremonial welcome at the president's house in Colombo. This is the first visit to Sri Lanka by a Chinese president. Former Prime Minister Zhou Enlai visited Sri Lanka on two occasions. The long-standing friendship between the two countries was strengthened with the signing of the rubber-rice pact. Subsequently, the Chinese Government assisted Sri Lanka in the fields of irrigation, textile manufacture, and fisheries. The (Dehiganga) River development project, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, and the proposed sports complex in Colombo are some of the projects aided by China.

Official talks between Sri Lankan and Chinese presidents will take place on Thursday [13 March] when the two countries will also sign two bilateral agreements relating to economic cooperation and foreign investment. Diplomatic observers expect China to make interest-free loans for mutually agreed on projects, similar in quantum to that given to Bangladesh during the Chinese president's visit there.

Li, Jayewardene Speak at Banquet

*BK121139 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] China has extended its fullest support to the efforts made by Sri Lanka to safeguard its independence and sovereignty and territorial integrity and to strengthen national unity and develop the national economy. Visiting Chinese President Li Xiannian gave this assurance at a banquet held at the Janadhipathi Mandiraya [president's house] in Colombo last night in his honor by President Jayewardene and Mrs Jayewardene. He also said that China supported the proposal put forward by Sri Lanka for the establishment of the Indian Ocean peace zone. He said that China desires to see the South Asian countries live in peace and amity.

Commending the open economic policy adopted by Sri Lanka in recent years, the Chinese president said that his country was convinced that in the years to come the Government of Sri Lanka and its industries and talented people will make Sri Lanka an even better country by further exploiting their exceptional natural advantage.

President Jayewardene in his speech recalled the links between the two countries going back to the 3d century AD when the Buddhist missionaries carried the teachings of the Buddha to China. He made particular reference to one of the famed travel-

ers to the ancient world, Fa Huen, who stayed in Sri Lanka for several years in the 5th century AD.

Mr Jayewardene said that the spirit of accommodation in and amongst us had been running like a golden thread throughout our history even in those days as it (?now) exists.

The Sri Lankan president said that at the time when Sri Lanka is facing difficulties to rather [words indistinct] the testimony provided by the firm Chinese Government to the excellent treatment accorded to minorities [words indistinct] in Sri Lanka. The historic landmark in the development of friendly relations was the rubber-rice pact signed in 1952, when the present President J.R. Jayewardene was the finance minister.

Mr Jayewardene expressed the hope that the friendly relations between the two countries will flourish in the future as in the past. The Chinese president and Madame Li Xiannian visited the (Maligawa) housing scheme and BMICH [Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall] this morning. The Chinese president also met the SLFP leader, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and talked to her for about 20 minutes.

Air Force Raid, Rival Tamil Clashes in Jaffna

Air Force Bombs Village

*BK121249 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] In Sri Lanka, a 52-year-old man and his wife were killed and three others, including a 12-year old child, injured when Air Force planes bombed civilians in Jaffna peninsula for the 1st time in 3 weeks. The bombing was carried over at Valveddi about 20 km from Jaffna town from three planes followed by air straffing from three helicopters. Eyewitnesses told our Colombo correspondent that altogether 12 bombs were dropped and the old police station road area was the worst affected. They also said one helicopter was seen transporting men in black uniforms from the (Palali) to Valvedditurai army camp. There was no immediate official statement from the Defense Ministry in Colombo on the incident.

Rival Tamils Clash

*BK121159 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] A shoot-out took place between a group of terrorists belong to TELO [Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization] and a breakaway TELO group led by (Dias) yesterday. The incident occurred at the Jaffna General Hospital. As a result of the shooting six terrorists, including the breakaway group leader (Dias), and also the primary court judge, Judge (Kite M. Tiruthpakaran) and a hospital nurse died. Several other civilians in the hospital premises were injured.

The primary court judge had come to the hospital to visit his wife who had been admitted to the maternity ward. The late Mr (Tiruthpakaran) was a well-known lawyer in Jaffna before being appointed to the judicial court. Jaffna residents had expressed

shock and grief at the passing away of this [words indistinct] judicial official in such a tragic manner.

The security forces did not rush to the general hospital to deal with the terrorists (?as) the further shoot-out would have caused more civilian casualties.

Security Minister Confirms Raid

HK130716 Hong Kong AFP in English 0656 GMT 13 Mar 86

[Text] Colombo, March 13 (AFP) — Northern Jaffna was tense Thursday following the deaths of at least 22 people in clashes between rival militant Tamil separatists and related incidents in the past two days, residents said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali confirmed that the Air Force attacked a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) hideout Wednesday at Velvettithurai, at the northern tip of the Jaffna peninsula. Three people died when the planes hit the house with rockets, he said.

Two clashes between rival militant groups fighting for a separate state in the north and east occurred Tuesday and Wednesday. Militants have warned residents not to speak of the clashes, and residents said they feared that continuing fighting could cause more civilian deaths and make life more difficult in the predominantly Tamil north.

Doctors and other employees of the Jaffna hospital kept away from work after a gun battle between militant groups Tuesday killed six militants, two bystanders, a magistrate and a nurse. The medical personnel returned around noon Wednesday, sources said.

A citizens' march Wednesday in Nallur to protest the hospital shootout ended up with militants or sympathizers firing on the group and killing three Tamil civilians, the sources said.

The rival group clashes erupted again Wednesday in Nallur, causing the deaths of six more militants, residents said. The gun battle sent citizens scurrying for cover and residents said they expected further clashes.

This week's killings were the second major set of clashes among militants in the past three weeks, official sources said.

Last month at least 12 militants were killed in shootouts between the EELAM Peoples Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) and the LTTE, two of the major separatist groups.

Residents said they suspected the clashes were due to power struggles.

Commenting on the clashes, Mr. Athulathmudali said: "The terrorists always shed crocodile tears over civilians, but it is they who do not care. They often attack us from among civilians so that there would be civilian casualties."

Seven Civilians Reported Killed in Tamil Attack

BK101422 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 10 Mar 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka, seven civilian were reported killed and two injured in an attack by Tamil militants in the eastern province of Trincomalee. Security sources in Colombo said that the attack was made in a village at Morawewa.

President Khamene'i Receives IRGC Minister, Deputies
LD121441 Tehran IRNA in English 1339 GMT 12 Mar 86

[Text] Tehran, March 12, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i Wednesday met the minister of Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps [IRGC], Mohsen Rafiqdust and Majlis deputies from Zahedan and Zabol, both in Sistan-Baluchestan Prov.

The minister submitted a report on the latest offensives of the Muslim combatants in the war fronts and the two deputies briefed him on the state of their constituencies.

Khamene'i Receives Outgoing Syrian Ambassador
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[Text] Tehran, March 11, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i received here Tuesday the outgoing Syrian ambassador to Iran Ibrahim al-Yunis.

At the meeting, the departing Syrian ambassador whose mission has come to an end here, said that President Hafiz al-Asad attached great importance to expansion of ties between his country and Iran.

Expressing satisfaction with the two countries' friendly relations President Khamene'i said mutual ties between Iran and Syria stood at its highest level presently.

The president also said that the implementation of Islamic values is not restricted to Iran alone, but is related to the world of Islam.

He said Syria was without doubt one of the most progressive countries which paid attention to the issue of Palestine and that this very point was among the reasons bringing the two nations closer to each other.

Montazeri Views Role of Justice Ministry Officials
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[Excerpts] Grand Ayatollah Montazeri met with the heads and supervisors of the Ministry of Justice's departments from various parts of the country and Mr Mar'ashi, a member of the Supreme Judicial Council. He praised Justice Ministry officials, stressing the importance and sensitivity of judicial work in Islam and graciously said: The issue of judgement, just as intelligence work, is very sensitive and the slightest negligence and mistake might bring individuals and society to collapse. Therefore, great care should be taken in selecting responsible judicial officials, particularly the judges and prosecutors. In addition to scientific knowledge and knowledge of religious jurisprudence, a judge should be endowed with the necessary piety, wisdom, and understanding of social matters so that he can issue accurate verdicts.

Grand Ayatollah Montazeri graciously added: A judge should be politically independent and should enjoy enough status in society to be able to summon responsible authorities and even the caliph to the court. Under existing circumstances, where there is an acute need for educated, committed, and wise judges — and the

leader of the revolution and the judicial system have also repeatedly mentioned this need — it is a duty of the qualified and eligible individuals to participate in judicial affairs; God Almighty will not accept the excuse of those who are suitable but refuse to take part. It is not right for us to sit aside, raise objections, and refuse to become involved personally. If mistakes are observed in some cases and a verdict passed contrary to the Shari'a, and if for example a person is subjected to tyranny, all other individuals and even those who have sat aside and are nagging will also be responsible in front of Almighty God for not becoming involved despite repeated invitations and their eligibility to take part in Shari'a judgement. God will ask them: Why did you not take part and why did you remain as observers of the wrong judgement?

Afterwards, his eminence called upon the Supreme Judicial Council to remove the obstacles to attracting pious and competent individuals. It was suggested to raise the status of the judicial system so as to lure pious and knowledgeable individuals from various towns and seminaries, or persuade them to allocate at least part of their time to the judicial system.

Grand Ayatollah Montazeri also asked the heads and the supervisors of the Justice Ministry's departments to observe and supervise judges' work within the limit of their power and responsibility and if they come across corruption, mistakes, shortcomings, or weaknesses. They should not remain negligent and should pursue the matter seriously so as to correct the matter. They should not be content with reporting the matter to the capital. Their duties and responsibilities will not be fulfilled by writing reports alone, they should pursue the issue firmly.

His eminence graciously pointed out: Judicial officials should visit prisons unannounced and should investigate shortcomings and complaints. They should receive the needy and others who approach them to complain, and should not waste their time. Our judicial system should be run in a way that makes the people happier every day. Unfortunately, we have often heard that various individuals and those who go to state offices are passed from one desk to another and are kept waiting. Of course, this has been inherited from the bureaucracy and some inefficient regulations of the former regime; the Islamic Majlis, the Council of Guardians, and the Supreme Judicial Council should think of ways to solve this problem as promptly as possible. In conclusion, while reading a few sentences from a letter from 'Ali, peace be upon him, to Malek-e Ashtar, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri listed the required qualifications and characteristics of judges and responsible authorities in the judicial system.

Montazeri Receives Bahrainis' War Contribution
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[Text] Grand Ayatollah Montazeri received yesterday a number of Bahraini notables and students who live in holy Qom. During the audience, they expressed support for the Islamic Republic of Iran's just positions toward the war imposed on the Islamic revolution. They presented 2 million riyals, a sum of foreign currency, and 48 pieces of gold jewelry. This is a donation from the Muslim Bahraini people to the military effort.

Cabinet Discusses War, Social-Administrative Issues*LD121500 Tehran IRNA in English 1341 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] Tehran, March 12, IRNA — The Cabinet met here Wednesday for a review of the latest war news and social-administrative developments. It also heard a report on the future plans of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

Experts from the ministry said they plan to improve the quality and increase the quantity of goods produced in factories working under the supervision of their ministry.

The cabinet also appointed 'Ali Sufi as the new governor general for Bushehr Province.

PDRY Envoy Delivers Message to President Khamene'i*GF110844 Aden Domestic Service in Arabic 0330 GMT 11 Mar 86*

[Text] Brother Qasim 'Abd al-Rabb, member of the YSP Central Committee and chairman of the party Higher Control Committee, has delivered a written message from brother Engineer Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas, member of the YSP Political Bureau and chairman of the Supreme People's Council Presidium, to his brother 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, pertaining to bilateral relations.

This took place in Tehran during his meeting yesterday with brother Mir Salem, the president's adviser, who received the message.

During the audience, an explanation was made of the tragic events which the PDRY witnessed in the wake of the abortive coupist attempt of conspirator 'Ali Nasir Muhammad and his clique.

The Iranian official expressed his country's support for the Yemeni people, stressing the need to develop bilateral relations between the two fraternal countries.

Delegation Leaves To Attend Palme Funeral*LD130628 Tehran IRNA in English 0626 GMT 13 Mar 86*

[Text] Tehran, March 13, IRNA — A political delegation assigned by Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi left here for Stockholm Thursday morning to take part in the funeral ceremony of the late Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The prime minister's political deputy, 'Ali Reza Moayeri, is heading the Iranian delegation to the ceremony scheduled for next Saturday.

The Swedish prime minister was slain by two unknown gunmen in Stockholm two weeks ago while he and his wife were leaving a movie theater.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Arrives in Tehran*LD121749 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] The Bulgarian foreign minister and Politburo member arrived in Tehran tonight at the head of a political delegation for a 1-day visit. He was welcomed by Foreign Minister Velayati, the ambassadors of the two countries, and the ambassadors of East European countries and Cuba in Tehran.

On his arrival, the Bulgarian foreign minister said in an interview with our correspondent that the visit is taking place to further cooperation between the nations and governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Republic of Bulgaria, and that it is a sign of Bulgaria's respect for the Iranian nation. He added that during the visit cooperation between the two countries and other international issues will be discussed.

Navy Will 'Never Allow' Foreign Powers in Gulf*LD121831 Tehran IRNA in English 1825 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Text] Rasht, Gilan Prov., March 12, IRNA — Navy commander Mohammad Hoseyn Malekzadegan said here Wednesday that the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran would never allow any foreign powers or regional sheikhdoms to interfere in the Persian Gulf.

The Navy commander said that as the history of the Islamic revolution and the Iraqi imposed war has shown, the Iranian Navy will powerfully foil any conspiracy.

Captain Malekzadegan who arrived here Wednesday morning to inaugurate the first naval military museum, said the navy was prepared to protect Iran's interests as well as security in the Persian Gulf, Oman Sea and Strait of Hormuz.

Gulf States Warned To Stop Supporting Iraq*LD121517 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1114 GMT 12 Mar 86*

[Station commentary]

[Text] In the wake of the eye-catching victories of the combatants of Islam in the "Val-Fajr-9" operations, Khatam ol-Anbiya' headquarters yesterday released a communique rounding up the three phases completed up to now. According to this communique, the combatants of Islam have liberated 350 square km in northern and eastern Al-Sulaymaniyah Province in Iraq and have hoisted the proud flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 38 important heights of this regions since 4 Esfand [23 February]. The forces of Islam in this operation have also completely surrounded the town of Chuwartah inside Iraq and are at present established in their positions, 18 km away from Al-Sulaymaniyah.

At the same time, the enemy's counter-offensives aimed at recapturing Al-Faw have all been defeated, although the enemy enjoys the benefits of the most modern and sophisticated military equipment and facilities. It is noteworthy that since the first day

of the Al-Faw's liberation, defeated Iraqi commanders have repeatedly described the recapturing of the region and annihilation of Iranian forces as imminent. However their true weakness and inability together with the sensitivity of the Al-Faw region, have forced Saddam's regime to use chemical weapons on a very vast scale and to start an extensive campaign, backed by its regional supporters, to pretend to have been wronged in order to attract international support.

Even these political efforts have failed to bring them any noticeable success, although some of the region's governments have shut their eyes to realities and developments on direct orders from the United States. These governments insist on their efforts to support and to provide the facilities to increase Baghdad's military strength, thus serving the Zionists and alleviating the pressure on Saddam's regime. Unfortunately, in spite of frequent warnings issued by the Islamic Republic, this trend is still followed by these governments without any consideration for the outcome. Because of this hostile policy, tens of thousands of students and workers of our country, together with a massive crowd of Muslim Arabs from the littoral countries of the Persian Gulf, yesterday marched in Tehran, Mashhad, and Tabriz as a sign of protest to these governments and their cooperation with the United States and Israel. These crowds marched near the former U.S. Embassy and while stressing the need for continuing the war until final victory, they categorically condemned these hostile acts. Therefore, it is only right that these governments should consider the present realities, take into account the sensitivity of world Muslims and their feeling of solidarity with the Islamic Revolution of Iran, and refuse to be manipulated by world Zionism or to take part in Saddam's crimes.

Just as our country's officials have repeatedly announced, the Islamic Republic of Iran relies on the policy of good-neighborly relations and maintaining friendly relations with neighboring countries. At the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to state that it considers international imperialism and Zionism the main enemies of Muslim nations. Such hostile acts by some small countries of the region are nothing more than results of the pressure from which they suffer. It is up to these governments to stop moving in the direction of U.S. and Zionist objectives. They should not tie their own destiny with that of the condemned regime ruling of Iraq.

SAIRI Spokesman Condemns Kuwaiti Support for Iraq
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[Text] According to a report of the Central News Unit, the foreign relations unit of the Supreme Assembly of Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SAIRI) referred to the recent stance of Kuwait's state-owned press and their support for the Iraqi Zionist regime and Saddam. SAIRI has protested against such support, which is quite contrary to the desire of the Muslim nation of Iraq. The SAIRI foreign relations unit spokesman said: Apart from the unjust support of the Kuwaiti press for Iraq's warmongering regime against the Muslim combatants, they have recently tried to depict Saddam as a holy man, and this is totally against wishes of the Muslim nation of Iraq.

In conclusion, he emphasized: It will not be long before such hirelings receive their answer, when the Muslim nations announce whom they support and which individuals and governments are classed as anti-people and agents of imperialism.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq
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[Text] Tehran, March, 12, IRNA — The accurate and heavy artillery fire of Iranian forces smashed an Iraqi counter-assault launched by an armoured unit with the backing of artillery and mortar fire in Panjwin region early Wednesday, according to a military communique here Wednesday.

Communique Number 2407 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces says that soon after crushing the Iraqi counter-attack and inflicting heavy casualties and losses on them, Iranian Muslim combatants chased and shelled the fleeing Iraqi troops, dealing more decisive blows on them.

A number of Iraqi soldiers were captured by Iranian Muslim forces who are now in full control of regional heights and capable of checking any enemy movement at any time, says the command.

In the western fronts, the communique says, at least 20 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded and over six enemy gun emplacements and observation posts were demolished as their positions were shelled by Iranian forces. They also checked movements of Iraqi vehicles in Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran. The exchange of fire between Iranian Muslim troops and Iraqi forces continued in the southern fronts Tuesday raging somewhat more heavily in the Majnun Islands, Zobeydah and Nahr-Anbar. The Iranian forces opened heavy fire on Iraqi motorized units in the west of the Arvand River and on their armoured units elsewhere in Hoseyniyeh and Yebis, according to the communique.

In the northwestern fronts, the communique says, Iranian forces continued the despatch of reconnaissance patrol units and pounded Iraqi positions killing or wounding a number of the enemy soldiers and destroying several light and heavy vehicles of theirs.

Iraq Bombs Marivan, Sardasht
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[Excerpt] At 1110 today the Iraqi Ba'thist regime bombed several places in the city of Marivan. At 1200 raiding Iraqi aircraft attacked the town of Sardasht, but thanks to heavy fire by the air defense units of the Islamic combatants they were forced to flee. While in flight they bombed the town of Rabat.

Civilian Casualties in Bombing
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[Text] 'Urumiyeh, W. Azarbayjan Prov. March 12, IRNA — At least three civilians were martyred and 15 others injured as

intruding Iraqi planes bombarded the Rabat village in border town of Sardasht in W. Azarbayjan Province Wednesday.

The attack came at 17:00 hours local time (13:30 gmt) and destroyed a number of houses as well.

2 Iraqi Battalions Destroyed

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[Text] According to a report received from the Khatam al-Anbiya' headquarters, during the early hours of this morning the last-ditch effort of the enemy forces along the Al-Faw-Basra axis

was strongly crushed. During this clash, the 601st brigade of the Iraqi Armed Forces, which was backed by two other brigades, lost two battalions. The combatants of Islam completely destroyed these two battalions and annihilated hundreds of the enemy troops. On the basis of this report, another group of the Ba'thist forces were taken prisoner by our forces and as of now, 48 of them were transferred behind the battlelines.

This report adds: At present, the scene of the clash is littered with the dead of the enemy troops and their destroyed arms and equipment; the combatants of Islam, in their positions, are pounding the enemy fortifications and preventing their movements and troop redeployment.